



## Regional Water Planning Group—Area B

### *RWPG-B Update of Events*

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- The meeting originally set for August 21, 2002 has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, October 16, 2002**. An agenda and other information will be sent out as soon as it is available.
- The Infrastructure Financing Report was submitted to the Texas Water Development Board on May 31, 2002 and subsequently approved on July 8, 2002.
- The Scope of Work as prepared by the consulting team of Biggs and Mathews, Inc., Freese and Nichols, Inc., and Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. was submitted to the TWDB in May 2002. Additional information requested by the TWDB was submitted on June 5, 2002.
- On June 18, 2002, the TWDB approved the planning contract for Region B in the amount of \$456,080, with current committed funds in the amount of \$238,580.
- This is an increase of \$120,000 from the original amount. These funds will be dedicated to Task 4-SF for supplemental funding for improved management of the Lake Kemp / Lake Diversion system.
- The agreement between the BMI Team and the Authority was approved in July.
- Deadline for execution of the TWDB contract is September 17, 2002.

### *Chloride Control Project*

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The United States Army Corps of Engineers once again conducted three Open House Public Meetings in Vernon, Wichita Falls, and Durant, Oklahoma, on July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup> to inform the public about the status of the Wichita River Basin Project alternatives and environmental impacts. The Wichita River Basin Project Reevaluation and Draft Supplement to the Final Environmental Statement for the Authorized Red River Chloride Control Project, Wichita River Only Portion is available for public review and comment. Copies are available in local libraries and at [www.swt.usace.army.mil/library/library.cfm](http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/library/library.cfm).

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Information provided at the meetings included a Project Overview, Public Involvement, Alternatives to the Project, Affected Environment, and Potential Impacts. Your comments are extremely important in order to keep the project alive, especially since it has been defined as one of the major water strategies for Region B. If you haven't already, please take time to provide your comments prior to September 6, 2002. Let's roll!

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Regional Water Planning Group – Area B includes the following counties: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, King, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and that part of Young County that includes Olney.

### For More Information:

[www.rra.dst.tx.us/rwpg](http://www.rra.dst.tx.us/rwpg)

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The board is comprised of representatives from agriculture, cities, counties, electrical generating utilities, industries, public, river authorities, small businesses, water districts, and water utilities. Meetings are usually held four times a year on the third Wednesday of the month and are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16, 2002** at the North Texas Rehabilitation Center in Wichita Falls. Additional information about the RWPG-B may be obtained from Red River Authority of Texas located at 900 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Hamilton Building, Suite 520, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301-6894 or by calling (940) 723-8697.

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*Note from the Editor: In an effort to keep you informed while keeping administrative costs down, we will be sending out newsletters periodically. This has a two-fold purpose – it saves the cost of having a meeting as well as saving you valuable time. Let us know how you feel about this new format.*

**Public Hearing Notification** – The Texas House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources will be holding a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 27, 2002** at 9:00 a.m. at Nortex Regional Planning Commission, 4309 Jacksboro Highway, Wichita Falls. The committee will receive testimony from invited speakers, as well as any member of the public that wishes to testify on water or wastewater-related issues. Specifically, the committee will hear presentations concerning the safety of the state's waters, government, and business regulations that may be needed to protect our water supplies, and strategies for responding to acts of terrorism.

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